

SEA: Solent Electronic Archive

Learning and Information Service

What is SEA?

SEA (Solent Electronic archive) is the University's institutional repository for the storage and promotion of university research and enterprise. Content includes a range of journal articles at pre- or post- publication stage, published chapters, conference papers, visual media and academic theses. The institutional repository aims to be an open access repository but access may be restricted because of copyright issues. In addition, some items, such as undergraduate dissertations, have been restricted to staff and students of the university. To access that content, you will need to login with your university username and password.

Who can access it?

Any member of the public can access the website although some content is restricted to staff and students of the university. The content is searchable through Google and also available on [OpenDOAR](#).



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Southampton Solent University logo and the text 'Solent Electronic Archive'. Below this is a 'SEA HOMEPAGE' button with a 'GO' icon. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to SEA - the Solent Electronic Archive' and contains the following text:

SEA is a digital archive of research and enterprise output produced by Southampton Solent University staff and students. Content includes a range of journal articles at either pre or post publication stage, published chapters, conference papers, visual media and academic theses.

Students looking for final year projects and dissertations please follow the instructions in this leaflet: [Using SEA to access dissertations \(PDF\)](#)

Use [Simple Search](#) or [Advanced search](#) to look for specific items or you can browse by [creator](#), [faculty](#), [subject](#) or [year](#). All entries contain details about the items and where possible, we have provided the full text or a link to the item in an external source. The institutional repository aims to be an open access repository but access may be restricted because of copyright issues. In addition some items such as undergraduate dissertations have been restricted to staff and students of the university. To access that content, make sure you have logged in with your university login and password.

If you wish to deposit an item, you will need to login with your university login and password and use the manage

On the left side of the screenshot, there is a 'SOLENT ELECTRONIC ARCHIVE' menu with links to Home, About, Policies, Latest Additions, Search, Browse by Year, Browse by Subject, Browse by Faculty, and Browse by Creator. Below that is a 'USER MENU' with a Login link.

Searching SEA

Use *Simple* search or *Advanced* search to look for specific items or you can browse by author, faculty, subject or year. All entries contain details about the items and, where possible, we have provided the full text or a link to it in an external source.

What is available on SEA?

Staff research

We encourage all staff to add their research and enterprise output subject to copyright and confidentiality restraints. Where possible, we would encourage the deposit of a full text version but some publishers retain the copyright and will not allow this. Alternative options include linking to a published paper within a subscription database and/or pre-print versions consisting of the work in its original format prior to repackaging it for publishing.

Staff are encouraged to deposit their own works although Library staff will be able to offer advice where required.

Student research

The following categories of student work are available:

Undergraduate projects

The Library receives a number of good practice final year dissertations and projects. These are to be used for guidance on format and layout. Access is limited to SSU staff and students: please use your university login to view.

MBA dissertations

The Library receives a number of MBA dissertations. These are to be used for guidance on format and layout. Access is limited to SSU staff and students: please use your university login to view.

PhD Theses

Bibliographic details of certain PhDs have been added. Full text has been included where the author has given permission.



Uploading content

Student work will be uploaded by Library staff. Staff research is uploaded by the author or someone on behalf of the author. Login using your university username and password and click on Manage deposits. Please note that it is essential that you are aware of the copyright position of your work. If you are unsure, please only upload the bibliographic details and check the ROME database accessible within SEA or contact your publisher. If it is a joint work, ensure that your co-authors have given permission.

For more information, see the Library portal pages on [Depositing in Sea](#).

Withdrawal policy

If you think that some work should not have been uploaded because there has been a copyright infringement or for some other reason, please email the Administrator: ir.admin@solent.ac.uk and we will take it down while we investigate.

Help and support

Any questions should be directed to the admin email box: ir.admin@solent.ac.uk or you can contact your information librarian.